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SUBJECT: ASEAN SUMMIT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF OPENING SPEECH BY PRESIDENT FERDINAND MARCOS
AT THE ASEAN SUMMIT AUGUST 4:

2.(BEGIN QUOTE) FIRST OF ALL, ALLOW ME TO EXTEND MY GRATITUDE, AND
THE GRATITUDE OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR DELEGATION FROM THE PHILIPPINES,
TO PRIME MINISTER DATUK HUSSEIN ONN, AND THE GOOD PEOPLE OF MALAYSIA,
FOR THE WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY THEY HAVE EXTENDED TO US ON THE
OCCASION OF THIS SECOND SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF ASEAN.

3. WE IN THE PHILIPPINES ARE USED TO LOVELY WOMEN AND TO
SPLENDID CEREMONIALS, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO PUT ON RECORD THE
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FACT THAT THE CEREMONIALS AND THE BEAUTIFUL WOMEN OF MALAYSIA,
INDEED, OVERWHELM ALL OF US. THIS HAS CREATED AN ATMOSPHERE
WHICH CANNOT BUT PRODUCE SUCCESS FOR THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE.

4. WE APPROACH THE TURN OF A DECADE OF ASEAN--ONE AND A
HALF YEARS AFTER THE HISTORIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN BALI.
THERE IS REASON TO CONGRATULATE OURSELVES FOR THE ACHIEVEMENTS

OF ASEAN. THE LIST OF SUCH ACHIEVEMENTS IS LONG, AND THE DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENT OF INDONESIA HAS JUST MARKED OUT THE OUTLINE OF SUCH ACHIEVEMENTS.

5. IN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS, WE WILL ADD TO THEM, AND IN THE DAYS TO COME, IT WILL BECOME NORMAL ROUTINE FOR ASEAN TO MOVE FROM SUCCESS TO SUCCESS. THIS IS OUR HOPE. THIS IS OUR PRAYER.

6. BUT AS WE ARE CAUGHT IN THIS EUPHORIA OF ACHIEVEMENT, I MUST KEEP REMINDING MYSELF THAT ASEAN WAS NOT ORGANIZED TO SOLVE ALL INDIVIDUAL PROBLEMS OF THE MEMBER-STATES, AND THAT WHILE ASEAN CAN MAKE UP FOR SOME DEFICIENCIES, IT WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO REPLACE THE INDIVIDUAL POLITICAL RESOLVE OF MEMBER-STATES, NOR THEIR ECONOMIC STATESMANSHIP, NOR PERHAPS THE VIABILITY OF SOCIAL PROGRAMS NEEDED TO TRANSFORM OUR RESPECTIVE STATES INTO VITAL AND DYNAMIC SYSTEMS THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE STRENGTH OF ASEAN.

7. FOR ASEAN MUST CONTINUE TO FIND ITS STRENGTH IN THE INDIVIDUAL RESOURCES AND CAPABILITIES OF EACH MEMBER STATE. THIS SHALL EVER BE THE MEASURE OF ASEAN.

8. BY THE SAME TOKEN THAT ASEAN CAN NEVER REPLACE INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE, SO TOO, ASEAN CAN NEVER ALONE BE CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT TO INFLUENCE ALL THE VARIOUS EXTERNAL FACTORS THAT WILL CONTINUE TO AFFECT THE DESTINIES OF OUR ECONOMIES AND OUR GOVERNMENTS.

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9. ASEAN IS A DEVELOPING REGION. AS SUCH, IT SHALL BE BENEFITTED OR CURSED BY THE DECISIONS, BY THE PLANNING, BY THE ACTIONS OF COUNTRIES OUTSIDE OF ASEAN, WHICH WILL ALWAYS INFLUENCE AND AFFECT OUR STATES AND OUR REGION. FOR OUR EFFORTS ARE A PART OF THE GENERAL MOVEMENT OF DEVELOPING NATIONS TO LIBERATE THEMSELVES FROM THE CONDITIONS THAT HAVE DICTATED AND SUSTAINED THE IMPOVERISHMENT AND UNDERDEVELOPMENT OF OUR RESPECTIVE NATIONS, CONDITIONS WHICH ARE RECOGNIZED BY BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND WHICH MUST NOW BE RECTIFIED ON A GLOBAL SCALE.

10. IT IS, THEREFORE, OUR DUTY IN ASEAN, AS IT SEE IT, TO SEE TO IT THAT ASEAN PARTICIPATE IN THE FRUITS OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY OF THE WORLD'S INDUSTRIAL NATIONS, AND ALSO TO ASSURE OURSELVES THAT THE FRUITS OF SUCH RECOVERY WILL NOT BE TAKEN FROM OUR OWN SHARE AND FROM OUR GAINS.

11. PERHAPS THE TIME IS PROPITIOUS FOR US TO URGE THAT THE BIGGER NATIONS, THE MORE DEVELOPED ONES, NOW COMMIT THEMSELVES TO A FIRM POLICY OF LIBERAL TRADE INSTEAD OF MERELY AID, AND TO GUARANTEE TO US THE PURCHASING POWER OF OUR EXPORTS AND ASSURE US OF MARKETS FOR OUR MANUFACTURES AND

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12. UNLESS THEY PARTICIPATE IN THIS EFFORT, ASEAN ENDEAVORS
MAY FAIL.

13. AT THE SAME TIME, PERHAPS IT IS PROPER FOR US TO NOW
ANALYZE AND ASSESS ONE POINT THAT HAS BEEN RAISED BY SOME
OF THE MAJOR POWERS THAT SOUTHEAST ASIA IS NOT VITAL TO
THE SECURITY OF THE WORLD. IF IT IS SO, THEN LET IT BE SO,
AND, PRECISELY BECAUSE WE ARE NOT VITAL TO SUCH SECURITY,
WE SHOULD NO LONGER BE A BONE OF CONTENTION. THEN, PERHAPS,
WE CAN TAKE SUCH STEPS AS WILL GUARANTEE PEACE FOR OUR PART
OF THE WORLD NOT FOR FIVE OR SEVEN YEARS AS SEEMS TO BE THE
CONVENTIONAL WISDOM, BUT FOR PERHAPS 25 YEARS AND THUS EN-
RICH THE OPPORTUNITY FOR INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT WITHIN
THE REGION.

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14. WE MUST ALSO TAKE SUCH STEPS AS WILL ASSURE THE PARTICIPATION OF EVERY COUNTRY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA IN THE REGION'S DEVELOPMENT. WE MUST IN THIS RESPECT NOW BE READY TO TAKE DIRECT ACTION IN ORDER TO CONVINCE VIETNAM TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH DEVELOPMENT.

15. WE MUST DEMONSTRATE THAT THERE NEED BE NO FEAR ON ANXIETY ABOUT ASEAN, AND THAT IT IS TO OUR MUTUAL BENEFIT-- TO THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF ASEAN AND VIETNAM--THAT WE MAINTAIN CORDIAL AND NORMAL RELATIONS.

16. I BELIEVE ASEAN HAS STRENGTHENED ITSELF ENOUGH TO TAKE DIRECT AND POSITIVE ACTION IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE THE GAPS THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO EXIST BETWEEN ASEAN AND VIETNAM.

17. AS A LAST OBSERVATION, AND AS A LAST POINT OF FAITH, MAY I FURTHER STATE THAT PERHAPS IT IS TIME TO REMEMBER THAT LIKE ANY COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR, ASEAN REQUIRES SACRIFICE FOR EVERY GAIN AND ADVANTAGE WON, AND THAT EACH AND EVERY NATION MUST CONTRIBUTE TO THAT POOL OF SACRIFICE TO MAKE ASEAN A SUCCESS.

18. BEFORE ASEAN CAN LOOK TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD FOR EQUITY, FOR JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS, WE MUST FIRST ESTABLISH ORDER, FAIRNESS AND JUSTICE AMONGST OURSELVES. AS A CONTRIBUTION, THEREFORE, AS AN EARNEST TO THE FUTURE OF ASEAN, I WISH TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES IS TAKING DEFINITE STEPS TO ELIMINATE ONE OF THE BURDENS OF ASEAN--THE CLAIM OF THE PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC OF SABAH.

19. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THIS WILL BE A PERMANENT CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNITY, THE STRENGTH AND PROSPERITY OF ALL OF UNCLASSIFIED

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